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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/597,121	FUJIMOTO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	TISHA D. LEWIS	3655	

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Period for Reply

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 1-3 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 4 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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DETAILED ACTION

The following is a response to the amendment received on January 15, 2009 which has been entered.

Response to Amendment

Claims 1-4 are pending in the application.

-The objection to the drawings has been withdrawn due to applicant submitting replacement drawings which have been approved.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Applicant's argument as to the outer race of the JP reference being 21 which is not adjacent to an end face of the gear pins is acknowledged, however; the outer race of the JP reference can be considered the inner race since the present invention discloses what should be the outer race in the drawings of the disclosure as the inner race as well, therefore, the limitations of claim 4 is still met by the prior art of record.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by JP 11210843.

JP discloses an eccentrically oscillating gear device having an internal gear (12) having pins on an inner periphery thereof, a carrier (19) rotatable relative to the gear, a pair of bearings (20A, 20B), each having a rolling element (23) and a ring body having an outer race (22) and an inner race (21) for supporting the rolling element and disposed between an outer periphery of the carrier and inner periphery of the gear, a crank shaft (abstract) freely rotatably mounted on the carrier and an external gear (14, 15) equipped with external teeth, engaged with the internal gear pins on the outer periphery thereof, fitted to a crank portion of the shaft and disposed between the pair of bearings, wherein the external gear makes an eccentric oscillating motion by rotation of the shaft so that a output is taken out from one of the internal gear and carrier (Figure 2 discloses eccentric rotation drawing), characterized in that an end face of the outer race in one of the pair of bearings is adjacent to an end of the pins and the end face regulates movement in an axial direction of the external gear (claim 2 of JP reference, see translation, discloses that the inner ring part (which is considered to be 22) regulates movement of the external gear in shaft orientation of the pin).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3 are allowed.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TISHA D. LEWIS whose telephone number is 571-272-7093. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:30AM TO 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHARLES A. MARMOR can be reached on 571-272-7095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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